

Wapanohk Howling Wolves

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COVID 19 Year

There are many fears with students and parents about children getting COVID 19. Thompson is a small community, and rumours get around quickly. Our attendance has been very low. We are noticing that younger students are staying home. Our school is safe; we follow strict protocol for distancing, masking wearing, and washing hands frequently. Let us keep to positive posts that make us feel good about ourselves. We have no positive results to covid 19. If this changes you will be informed along with teachers.



Remember to check your children in the morning for coughing, running nose, headache, sore throat, and temperature. If they are sick, please keep them home.



Terry Fox Run

Students ran around the school in laps. Fundraising was low because students could not go door to door. There is always next year.

New staff

Sandra Montoux from UCN is teaching are grade 1 class. Cherish Halcrow is teaching Cree grade 1-7. She is a recent graduate from UCN. Flora Packo another recent graduate from UCN is teaching grade 8. Jon-Ross Merasty Moose was teaching in Brandon and has return to Thompson; he is teaching physical education here and at Riverside. We have an awesome staff that can do anything!

There will be a **volleyball season** this fall. Students did so well last year especial the girls with two teams.

October important dates:

Lighthouse every Monday and Wednesdays 5-8 pm

Family Literacy—every Tuesday 7-8 pm

October 12 Thanksgiving day –no school

October 20 Chicken or Pizza sale (look on facebook)

October 23-PD SAG– no school

Popcorn sale every Friday \$1.00

Weekly prizes for attendance and draw for a tablet

Water bottles for sale \$4.00



Fire safety for Kindergarten to grade 3.

- Sleep with your door closed
- Drop to the floor if you see, hear or smell smoke or fire
- Stop, drop and roll
- Don't open the door, wait for an adult



Jump on our Wapanohk Community School Facebook page. Join us on our journey throughout the year. Find posts about what is happening in the school and when it is happening along with photos of recent events.

Wapanohk Chenie Wenjack Legacy School/ Orange Day-residential schools

Grade 5, grade 6, grade 7 and 8's walked to the railroad tracks to honour those children who did not make it home and the survivors who did. They had a 2 minute silence.



RE: Safety Precautions at the School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are just a few reminders of some of the safety precautions that we are taking at the school.

- Students are in cohorts by grade levels.
 - Masks are mandated for grades 4 to 12, teachers, staff and visitors when physical distancing of two meters is not possible. Parents/guardians can choose whether younger children should wear a mask.
 - Students enter the school through assigned doors. When students enter their doors they hand sanitize and go directly to their classrooms. There are markings on the floor for the students to follow the flow of traffic and spacing for social distancing.
 - Students are assigned seating in their classrooms. Students are placed a minimum of 1 meter apart.
 - Students are asked to bring their own refillable water bottles as the water fountains are turned off.
 - Students have their own supplies, as there is no sharing of supplies between students.
 - At this time, there are a maximum of 2 students in bathrooms at once. There are markings on the floor for students to stand on while waiting to respect social distancing.
 - Bathrooms and all frequently touched surface areas are disinfected numerous times throughout the day.
 - Students and staff use hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently throughout the day.
 - Parents/Guardians are responsible to complete the symptom screening on their child(ren) every day before school. Staff are responsible for self-screening. All staff and students must be in good health to enter the school.
 - At all times, social distancing and safety measures will be followed.

Safety protocols may change as Manitoba Public Health and Manitoba Education make recommendations and changes. Also, changes will occur when district and school procedures update.

As information becomes available and/or changes parents/guardians will be notified.

If there are questions or concerns please contact the school. We are here to keep students and staff safe while at school.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kelson
Principal

Parents, guardians and caregivers,

Each of us continue to have a significant role in helping to support public health measures and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

As we head into the first holiday long weekend of the school year, I want to encourage you to consider how many people outside your household you have contact with. I hope you will celebrate Thanksgiving responsibly, so that we can limit the spread of the virus in our communities, and by extension, in our schools.

Dr. Roussin has encouraged Manitobans, and those visiting from out of province, to focus on the fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes:

staying home if you're sick, even if your symptoms are only mild;

washing/sanitizing your hands frequently;

covering your cough;

practicing physical distancing when you are with people outside of your household; and

wearing a mask in indoor public spaces in situations where you cannot physically distance, or as required by public health orders.

Manitoba Public Health has created a page online with more information on how to gather safely this Thanksgiving and at other fall events that are happening in our communities. This information can be found at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/holidays.html>.

On behalf of all the teachers and staff at Wapanohk, I hope you have a restful and meaningful Thanksgiving.

Wapanohk administration

HOW TO PROPERLY WEAR A MASK!



Do Not wear the mask below the nose.



Do Not leave your chin exposed.



Do Not wear a mask which is loose and has gaps in the side.



Do Not wear your mask such that it only covers the tip of your nose.



Do Not push your mask on your neck.



Wear your mask all the way up, close to the bridge of your nose and all the way under your chin. It should be snug around your face with no gaps!